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Hon. Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir Please amend this application as follows: IN THE SPECIFICATION: At the top of the first page, just under the title, insert: □ This is a □ Continuation-In-Part □ Divisional Substitute Application (MPEP 201.09) of Continuation National Application No. 09/030,028 filed February 25, 1998. Now us partent 6335/61 1(a) ✓ International Application No. PCT/GB95/00204 1(b) filed August 25, 1995 which designated the U.S.--__-This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 2. Respectfully submitted, 60/____, filed ____.--PILLSBURY WINTHROP LLP Intellectual Property Group Attorney: Paul N. Kokulis Reg. No: 16773 Tel. No.: (703) 905-2118 Fax No.: (703) 905-2500 Atty\Sec. PNK/mh

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Page 16, 3rd ¶ of Example 3, line 27, change to read as follows:

Two carbon probe electrodes were placed into the sample and 4-8 V (d.c.) was applied (power supply; Thurlby 30V, 2A) for between 0.5 to 2 minutes. The cell debris was pelleted and supernatants were analysed by PCR. PCR conditions were as follows; 0.1 µl/ml of sample in PCR buffer (as above), 1 µM (each) of primers ATGCGTCCGGCCGTAGAGGAT SEQ ID No. 1 and GTATCACGAGGCCCTT SEQ ID No. 2, 200 µM of each of dATP, dCTP, dGTP, dTTP, 5U/ml AmpliTaq DNA polymerase (Perkin Elmer). All reagent concentrations are given as the final concentration in a reaction volume made up with PCR buffer (as above). Amplified

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